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By: Robert H. Puente

H.B. No. 975

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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COMMITTEE REPORT

The Honorable Tom Craddick
Speaker of the House of Representatives

3/26/03
(date)

Sir:

We, your COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

to whom was referred HB 975 have had the same under consideration and beg to report back with the recommendation that it

- () do pass, without amendment.
- () do pass, with amendment(s).
- (X) do pass and be not printed; a Complete Committee Substitute is recommended in lieu of the original measure.
- (X) yes () no A fiscal note was requested.
- () yes (X) no A criminal justice policy impact statement was requested.
- () yes (X) no An equalized educational funding impact statement was requested.
- () yes (X) no An actuarial analysis was requested.
- () yes (X) no A water development policy impact statement was requested.
- (X) yes () no A tax equity note was requested.
- () The Committee recommends that this measure be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars.

For Senate Measures: House Sponsor _____


Joint Sponsors: _____ / _____ / _____

Co-Sponsors: _____

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY	PNV	ABSENT
Puente, Chair	X			
Callegari, Vice-chair	X			
Campbell	X			
Cook, R.	X			
Geren	X			
Hamilton	X			
Hardcastle				X
Hope	X			
Wolens				X

Total 7 aye
 0 nay
 0 present, not voting
 2 absent


CHAIR

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 975
By: Puente
Natural Resources
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Abandoned or deteriorated water wells pose a threat to groundwater resources. Open wells allow contaminants to move through the well and enter an aquifer with no natural filtration by soils or geologic strata and may also allow water from deep aquifers that have a high salt content to contaminate shallow, fresh water aquifers. According to the 2000 interim report to the 77th Legislature by the House Committee on Natural Resources, an estimated 150,000 water wells drilled since 1965 are abandoned or deteriorated. Under current law, landowners or other persons who possess an abandoned or deteriorated well are required to plug or cap the well, but current law does not provide for the plugging of the wells when the landowner cannot be located or does not have sufficient funds. C.S.H.B. 975 creates a water well plugging account and authorizes the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (the department) to assess a fee for each new well and to deposit that fee in the account.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation in SECTION 2 (Section 1901.101(b), Occupations Code) and SECTION 3 (Section 1901.256, Subchapter F, Occupations Code) of this bill.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 975 establishes the Water Well Plugging Account in the Occupations Code to be administered by the department. The legislation authorizes the department to assess a fee for each water well drilled in an amount determined by department rule and provides that the fee only applies to water wells for which the initial drilling operations begin on or after the date the department adopts these rules. The bill requires the department to deposit the fee to the credit of the water well plugging account (account), an account in the general revenue fund, that may be appropriated to the department only for the purpose of plugging abandoned or deteriorated wells. The account consists of five subaccounts corresponding to the five geographic areas established by department rule in SECTION 2 of the bill. The bill establishes that the fee shall be collected by geographic area and the fee for each well drilled in a geographic area shall be deposited to the credit of the subaccount established for that geographic area.

The bill prohibits the department from allocating more than 20 percent of the money in the subaccounts for administrative expenses of the department and designates 10 percent of the fee money in the account specifically for plugging high hazardous or high priority water wells anywhere in the state. The costs of plugging wells which are not high priority or hazardous must be billed only to the subaccount for the corresponding geographic area.

The bill authorizes the department to use the money in the account to plug an abandoned or deteriorated water well only if the department determines that the landowner or other person possessing the well cannot be located or does not have sufficient funds to plug the well as determined by criteria established by department rule. The bill provides that the account is exempt from provisions relating to Section 403.095, Government Code.

C.S.H.B. 975 also authorizes the department to transfer money to a groundwater conservation district (the district) to be used to plug abandoned or deteriorated wells that the department would be

authorized to plug. Money allocated to the district may not exceed \$50 per well for administrative costs of the district.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 975 modifies the original by adding language that outlines five geographic quadrants which will be used as a guide by the department to collect fees. The original did not designate quadrants. The substitute bill also specifies that fees collected on new water wells in a certain quadrant will be returned to that same quadrant for abandoned or deteriorated water well plugging purposes in that quadrant. The original allowed fees collected statewide to be used to plug any water well across the state.

The substitute also adds language allowing 10 percent of the total fees collected to be used to pay for the plugging of high priority or hazardous water wells across the state. Finally, the substitute adds language allowing the department to transfer money to groundwater conservation districts for the plugging of abandoned or deteriorated water wells in the district and caps the amount that may be used to cover administrative costs of the district.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTION

HB 975

March 5, 2003 3:00PM or upon final adjourn./recess

Considered in public hearing

Testimony taken in committee (See attached witness list.)

Left pending in committee

March 26, 2003 3:00PM or upon final adjourn./recess

Considered in public hearing

Committee substitute considered in committee

Reported favorably as substituted

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WITNESS LIST

HB 975
HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
Natural Resources Committee

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For: Conner, Bonnie J. (The City of San Antonio, Texas)
Halty, Scott (San Antonio Water System)
Mahoney, Mike (TAGD-Evergreen UWCD)
On: Bowers, Richard (North Plains Groundwater Conservation
Dist.)
Everheart, Harvey (Mesa Underground Water Conservation
District)
Kuntz Jr., William H. (Texas Department of Licensing
and Regulation)
Parham, Lee (TDLR)

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

Revision 1

April 4, 2003

TO: Honorable Robert Puente, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB975 by Puente (Relating to the plugging of abandoned or deteriorated water wells.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB975, Committee Report 1st House. Substituted: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

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LBB Staff: JK, CL, RT, RB

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TAX/FEE EQUITY NOTE

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No statistically significant impact on the overall distribution of a state tax or fee burden among individuals and businesses is anticipated from the provisions of this bill.

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LBB Staff: JK, SJS

ADOPTED

APR 23 2003

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Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

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23 (1) 20 percent of the money in the account to pay the
24 administrative costs of the department; and

25 (2) 10 percent of the money in the account to pay the
26 costs of plugging high priority or hazardous wells.

27 (e) The department may use money in the account to plug an

1 abandoned or deteriorated well only if the department determines
2 that the landowner or other person possessing the well:

3 (1) cannot be located; or

4 (2) does not have sufficient assets to plug the well as
5 determined by criteria established by department rule.

6 (f) The department may transfer money in a subaccount to a
7 groundwater conservation district to be used by the district to
8 plug one or more abandoned or deteriorated wells designated by the
9 department if the department is entitled to use money in that
10 subaccount to plug those wells. From the money transferred, the
11 district may allocate not more than \$50 for each well to pay the
12 district's administrative costs.

13 SECTION 4. The fee authorized by Section 1901.256,
14 Occupations Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a water well
15 for which initial drilling operations begin on or after the
16 effective date of the rules adopted by the Texas Department of
17 Licensing and Regulation providing for the assessment of the fee.

18 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

Revision 1

April 4, 2003

TO: Honorable Robert Puente, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB975 by Puente (Relating to the plugging of abandoned or deteriorated water wells.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB975, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2004	\$0
2005	\$0
2006	\$0
2007	\$0
2008	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>New General Revenue Dedicated-Water Well Plugging</i>	Probable Revenue Gain/ (Loss) from <i>New General Revenue Dedicated-Water Well Plugging</i>	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2003
2004	(\$399,720)	\$399,720	3.0
2005	(\$1,140,520)	\$1,140,520	3.0
2006	(\$1,140,520)	\$1,140,520	3.0
2007	(\$886,770)	\$886,770	3.0
2008	(\$886,770)	\$886,770	3.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would authorize a fee on new water wells for the purpose of plugging abandoned and deteriorated water wells. Revenue would be deposited into a new, General Revenue Dedicated Account - Water Well Plugging. The Department of Licensing and Regulation would set the fee by rule. The bill limits administrative costs associated with the program to no more than 20 percent of the fee revenue.

The bill would take effect immediately upon enactment, assuming that it receives the requisite two-thirds majority votes in both houses of the Legislature. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2003.

Methodology

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation indicates the need for three additional FTEs. One Natural Resource Specialist IV (at \$37,332 per year) would be needed to investigate abandoned well reports and to evaluate bids and plugging specifications for abandoned or deteriorated wells in areas without Ground Water Districts. One Administrative Technician IV (at \$29,232 per year) would be needed to process quarterly payments from water well drillers. One Administrative Technician III (at \$25,932 per year) would be needed to issue and mail quarterly bills to water well drillers. Total costs associated with the three FTEs would be \$145,220 in 2004 and \$123,020 in each following year.

The agency estimates \$254,500 in 2004, \$1,017,500 each year in 2005-06, and \$763,750 in each year in 2007-08 would be needed to cover costs associated with plugging abandoned or deteriorated wells. The agency, with the assistance of Ground Water Districts, would plug 100 wells in 2004, 400 wells each year in 2005-06, and 300 wells each year in 2007-08.

It is assumed the agency would adjust fees to offset any costs associated with implementing provisions of the bill.

Technology

Computers and software would be needed for the additional three Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTEs) totaling \$6,900 in fiscal year 2004. Also, approximately 20,000 water well reports would need to be imaged at a cost of \$1,200 each year.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation
LBB Staff: JK, CL, RT, RB

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 5, 2003

TO: Honorable Robert Puente, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB975 by Puente (Relating to the plugging of abandoned or deteriorated water wells.), As Introduced

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Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
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All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

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2008	(\$886,770)	\$886,770	3.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Chapter 32 of the Water Code to authorize a fee on new water wells for the purpose of plugging abandoned and deteriorated water wells. Revenue would be deposited into a new, General Revenue Dedicated Account - Water Well Plugging. The Department of Licensing and Regulation would set the fee by rule. The bill limits administrative costs associated with the program to no more than 20 percent of the fee revenue.

The bill would take effect immediately upon enactment, assuming that it receives the requisite two-thirds majority votes in both houses of the Legislature. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2003.

Methodology

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation indicates the need for three additional FTEs. One Natural Resource Specialist IV (at \$37,332 per year) would be needed to investigate abandoned well reports and to evaluate bids and plugging specifications for abandoned or deteriorated wells in areas without Ground Water Districts. One Administrative Technician IV (at \$29,232 per year) would be needed to process quarterly payments from water well drillers. One Administrative Technician III (at \$25,932 per year) would be needed to issue and mail quarterly bills to water well drillers. Total costs associated with the three FTEs would be \$145,220 in 2004 and \$123,020 in each following year.

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It is assumed the agency would adjust fees to offset any costs associated with implementing provisions of the bill.

Technology

Computers and software would be needed for the additional three Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTEs) totaling \$6,900 in fiscal year 2004. Also, approximately 20,000 water well reports would need to be imaged at a cost of \$1,200 each year.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller Of Public Accounts, 452 Department Of Licensing And Regulation
LBB Staff: JK, CL, RT, RB

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

TAX/FEE EQUITY NOTE

78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 4, 2003

TO: Honorable Robert Puente, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB975 by Puente (), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No statistically significant impact on the overall distribution of a state tax or fee burden among individuals and businesses is anticipated from the provisions of this bill.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JK, SJS

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the plugging of abandoned or deteriorated water wells.

FEB 13 2003

Filed with the Chief Clerk

FEB 19 2003Read first time and referred to Committee on Natural ResourcesMAR 26 2003Reported favorably (~~unfavorably~~)
(as substituted)APR 08 2003Sent to Committee on (Calendars)
(~~Read to Calendar~~)APR 23 2003Read second time (comm. subst.) (~~unfavorably~~); passed to third reading (~~unfavorably~~) by a (non-record vote)
(~~unfavorably~~)Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend)
by a vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not votingAPR 24 2003Read third time (~~unfavorably~~); finally passed (~~unfavorably~~) by a (~~unfavorably~~)
(record vote of 142 yeas, 0 nays, 3 present, not voting)APR 25 2003

Engrossed

APR 25 2003

Sent to Senate



CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

OTHER HOUSE ACTION:

APR 25 2003

Received from the House

APR 28 2003Read and referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES

Reported favorably _____

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time

Ordered not printed

Laid before the Senate

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by (unanimous consent)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays)Read second time, _____, and passed to third reading by (unanimous consent)
(a viva voce vote)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays)

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rules suspended by a vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays

Read third time, _____, and passed by (a viva voce vote)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays)

Returned to the House

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

OTHER SENATE ACTION:

_____ Returned from the Senate (as substituted)
(with amendments)

_____ House concurred in Senate amendments by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

_____ House refused to concur in Senate amendments and requested the appointment of a conference committee
by a (non-record vote) (record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

_____ House conferees appointed: _____, Chair; _____,
_____, _____, _____

_____ Senate granted House request. Senate conferees appointed: _____, Chair;
_____, _____, _____

_____ Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the House by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

_____ Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the Senate by a (viva voce vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays)

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